

Utilization of unutilized money for plantation of trees .

***154. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA.**

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state.

(a) whether CAG had audited the accounts of the Forest Department after the Supreme Court's directive;

(b) if so, whether CAG has found that Rs. 1000 crores has nearly been lost in interest and no money has been utilized by the States to plant trees and the amount earmarked therefor is either lying unutilized or has even been diverted;

(c) if so, whether CAG has observed total mismanagement in the department;

(d) whether any directive was issued by the Supreme Court after this report; and

(e) the action Government have taken to utilize Rs. 2000 crores lying unspent in the department?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)
(a) to (c) The CAG has not given any adverse remark against the Ministry of Environment & Forests. The audit report is awaited from the office of the CAG. However, in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Haryana, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Goa, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka, test-checks have been conducted by the respective State Accountants General/ Principal Accountants General. During test-checks, in some cases procedural irregularities have been noted with regard to monies received towards Compensatory Afforestation, Additional Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV), Conservation and Protection of National Parks/Sanctuaries, etc. that are being deposited with the concerned officials of the State Government.

(d) The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, *vide* order dated 05.05.2006, has constituted an *Ad-hoc* Body of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) comprising Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment and

Forests (MoEF), as Chairman; and Inspector General of Forests (FC), MoEF; a representative of CAG, and a nominee of the Chairman of Central Empowered Committee, as Members, with the following mandate-

(i) Ensure that all the monies recovered on behalf of the 'CAMPA' and which are presently lying with the various officials of the State Government are transferred to the bank account(s) to be operated by this body;

(ii) get audited all the monies received from the user agencies on behalf of the 'CAMPA' and the income earned thereon by the various State Government officials. The auditors may be appointed by the CAG. The audit may also examine whether proper financial procedure has been following in investing the funds.

The Hon'ble Court has also directed the Chief Secretaries of State Governments/Administrators of Union Territories to cooperate with the *Ad-hoc* Body of CAMPA as well as with the CAG.

(e) So far, an amount of Rs. 2,414.09 crore has been received by *Ad-hoc* CAMPA from the States/Union Territories towards Compensatory Afforestation, Additional Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV), Conservation and Protection of National Parks/Sanctuaries, etc. pursuant to the order dated 29.10.2002 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Facilities to control epidemics

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SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any facility including separate cell to control epidemic diseases;

(b) if so, the details of such facilities and the steps taken to strengthen such facilities as on today, State-wise;

(c) the number of people affected and died due to dengue fever, chikungunya and other epidemic diseases for the last three years, category-wise, State-wise and year-wise; and